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1. [] crew members of ships arriving in Tientsin [] were required to register [] the amount of food they intended to purchase. Food purchases were limited to six catties of pork, 10 catties of wine, and 10 eggs per person. Food purchases exceeding the specified amount were confiscated and returned to the store from which it came. Crew members moved freely in Tientsin, although they thought they were under surveillance by the Communist authorities. Visits to movies and friends did not require permission from public security offices. 25X1
2. [] seamen going ashore from ships on the regular Canton [] run were rarely inspected by Canton Customs officials. When returning to ships from shore, packages that they carried were cursorily examined by customs officials; body search was infrequent. 25X1
3. [] the only Chinese Communist officials boarding ships [] to Canton were from the Kungpei (N 22-12, E 113-32) Border Defense Station. On previous trips, officials from the Kungpei Customs Office, the Ch'ien-shan (N 22-14, E 113-32) Check Post, the Kwangtung Customs Office, and the Nanshiht'ou (0589/4258/7333) Check post boarded the ships. In Canton, six customs officials and two police officials, a man and a woman, from the Pearl River Police Station boarded the ships to examine the passengers. 25X1

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